

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Stuart Krieger on 23 September 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 6: after "stomal fluid," —said adhesive interface having a coat weight between about 10 grams per square meter and about 150 grams per square meter; — is inserted.

Claim 1, line 5: after "components and" [positionable] is deleted and—positionable—is inserted.

Claim 18 is canceled.

Claim 7, line 1: after "claim", [6] is deleted and —4— is inserted.

Claim 9, line 1: after "claim", [8] is deleted and —6— is inserted.

Claim 13, line 1: after "claim", [12] is deleted and —10— is inserted.

Claim 15, line 1: after "claim", [12] is deleted and —10— is inserted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. The closest prior art of record discloses the following elements:
4. EP 0315333 to McInally: teaches a pressure sensitive adhesive composition for ostomy seats comprising a xylene-soluble resin copolymer, polydiorganosiloxane fluid and organosilicon

compound which can be applied to substrates of paper, cloth, glass cloth, silicon rubber, polyethylene, polytetrafluroethylene, glass, wood, metal and skin substrates, but does not teach or fairly suggest a closed foam surface or any particular or specific application parameters such as coat weight.

5. WO 98/55157 to McDougall et al: teaches adhesives comprising polyisobutylene, hydrocolloidal powders and a polysiloxane cohesive strengthening component, and teaches such adhesive is generally useful for ostomy and wound care products, but does not teach or fairly suggest a two component ostomy device coupleable along an adhesive interface and wherein one of the component has a closed cell foam surface and does not teach a coat weight of the adhesive.

6. US Patent 4,775,374 issued to Cilento: teaches a two component ostomy device coupleable along a pressure sensitive interface wherein the adhesive comprises elastomeric materials and hydrocolloidal gums. Cilento teaches the adhesive can be applied to a porous backing layer which can be comprise of, *inter alia*, polyurethane foam, polyethylene foam, open mesh, nonwovens and fibers, at thicknesses of from about 1 mil up to 120 mils. Cilento does not teach or fairly suggest the adhesive interface including polysiloxanes and silicate resins, a closed cell foam surface, and a coat weight between about 10 grams per square meter and about 150 grams per square meter.

7. US Patent 5,556,636 issued to Yano: teaches a transdermal drug delivery composition comprising oxyalkylene polymer having silicon containing groups but does not teach or fairly suggest ostomy devices.

8. While the prior art of record discloses various elements of adhesive compositions and medical devices, non disclose or fairly suggest a two component ostomy device wherein the two components are coupleable to and separable from each other along a pressure sensitive adhesive interface including polysiloxanes, silicate resin including their blends and reaction products, and the adhesive being solvent-free in combination a closed cell foam surface and further in combination with the interface having a coat weight between about 10 grams per square meter and about 150 grams per square meter as now specifically recited in independent claim 1. These features render the claimed invention over the prior art of record. Claims 3, 5-18 and 21-22 are allowable as being dependent from independent claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ginger T. Chapman whose telephone number is (571)272-4934. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tatyana Zalukaeva can be reached on (571) 272-1115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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